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14 October 1959

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Barnes,  
Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Amory, Colonel White, Mr.  
Sheldon, Mr. Kent,

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MR. DULLES:

a. Noted he had received a memorandum from Gordon Gray, Subject: The Great Thaw, wherein Mr. Gray suggested that CIA publish on a periodic basis a round-up of remarks by Soviet leaders in which they allude to progress toward world peace as a result of the exchange of visits between Khrushchev and President Eisenhower. It was Mr. Gray's opinion that such comments should be carefully examined and analyzed together with collateral information in order to ensure that the U. S. is not caught short and lulled into a sense of security.

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The Director said he believed such reporting as recommended by Mr. Gray could best be handled by items appearing from time to time in the CIB. Mr. Sheldon suggested that more extensive coverage could be given in the Weekly. The Director concurred. Mr. Kirkpatrick noted that the people who habitually read the CIB probably do not read the Weekly and stated in order to reach the people who should have this information, it might be better for the Director to send a periodic letter to the President and copies to members of the NSC. After some discussion, it was agreed to go ahead with the Weekly and if this does not work out, further consideration will be given to the Presidential letter. Mr. Amory pointed out it was his strong feeling that our reports should be objective and not merely address themselves to sweetness and light comments. The Director concurred.



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against Communism. The Director said he thought this an excellent suggestion, and asked DD/P to draw up such a report that Archie Roosevelt might make available to [redacted]

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The Director also noted that the [redacted] had asked why the U. S. did not seek missile bases in [redacted]. The Director said he had advised the Ambassador that this was somewhat out of this Agency's bailiwick.

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MR. BISSELL:

a. Reported that the Bureau of the Budget had been pressing for access to a list of all of our PP projects. He explained that the Bureau did not wish to keep such a list but, rather, be able to refer to it here at CIA Headquarters as the occasion might arise. In response to a query from the Director, Mr. Bissell stated they did desire the cost of each project. He said on balance he was inclined to approve this request provided we reserve the right to exclude certain sensitive projects which would be made known only to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget and not allow ourselves to be drawn into discussions over the rights and wrongs of any one program. The Director concurred.

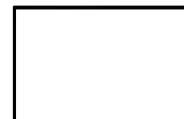
b. Reported that the Director should receive by this weekend a reply to a letter received from Mr. Eckert of the Bureau of the Budget regarding his recent trip abroad for the purpose of examining Agency activities.

Mr. Barnes recommended that no detailed reply be made to the Macy letter regarding support to [redacted] but, rather, an internal memorandum on this subject be circulated within the Agency. He said he based this recommendation on the fact that should we attempt to reply to the Macy letter, it would entail a complete report of all of our activities concerning [redacted]. He also noted that the Macy letter did not in fact ask for a reply but, rather, gave Macy's ideas on [redacted]. Note: This letter was acknowledged by DD/S who indicated we would "look into" the questions raised.

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